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For: REPLAY APPLIANCE FOR RECORDING MEDIA  
CONTAINING INFORMATION BLOCKS.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims and add new claim 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) Replay appliance for accessing at a defined playing time information stored on recording media containing information blocks[, having means for access, at a defined playing time, to the recording media having a scanning device] , the appliance comprising:  
    a scanning device for scanning data on a recording medium;  
    [a] search means for binary searching of the recording medium on the basis of a replay time[.] ; and  
    a comparator for comparing a replay time which has been [found] scanned from the recording medium with a desired replay time [are provided in the replay appliance, and] , wherein the scanning device scans the recording medium at a point which corresponds to [the] a result of [the] a comparison[, for] by the comparator to access information at [a] the defined playing time.